

July 15, 2016

Mowing Conf Call with EPA

Participants:

- OSC: Kris B.
- OSC in Field: Brad Benning
- ECHA Manager of West Calumet Complex: Judy Nava
- ECHA Procurement Manager: Chris Vincent
- ECHA Grass Contractor: Ronald Komendat
- ATSDR Mark Johnson Phd
- EC City Attorney Carla Morgan

Subject: Dust control and mowing practices in the West Calumet Housing Complex

Brad Benning: Raise mower blades 2-3 inches higher; avoid bare spots; avoid mulch.

ECHA: What about grass clippings: Brad not concerned right now .

City: what about mowing hazards in Zone 2 and 3? Temporary and permanent relocation?

EPA: Urgent focus is on the things that need to be done this summer.

Doug Balotti: Normally there is a technical contact (person with whom OSCs work with to coordinate activities on the site)

Judy Nava/ECHA: After (landscapers) cut, contractor blows grass clippings and dust with a leaf blower off sidewalks; Do clippings pose hazard? Grass clipping and dust may be tracked in houses.

Brad: There is no perfect solution right now. Hope to be finished with mulching next week. Hope that all bare dirt spots will be done and covered by next week. Do not use leave blower.

Ron Komendat: The High powered mower blows more dry dust. More than a leaf blower.

Brad/EPA: set the mower on a lower speed.

EPA: Signs will go up around complex next Wednesday. Janet Pope is handling.

Judy: Kids are playing in the mulch

EPA: Needs a single point of contact, including for technical issues with ECHA & City.

City: City Attorney Carla Morgan will be single point of contact.

City: Requested mowing procedure to be reduced to writing. Needs to be presented to ECHA Board at Monday meeting, may need to be change order with HUD.